

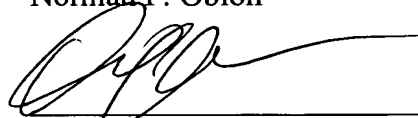
- Group IV: Claims 15-18 and 46-50, drawn to an immunological assay and method for screening a substance regulating apoptosis cell proliferation or cell death;
- Group VI: Claim 51, drawn to a method for regulating cell proliferation or cell death comprising administering the compound to a plurality of cells; and
- Group VII: Claims 19 and 52, drawn to a therapeutic agent for disorders characterized by cell proliferation or cell death.

Applicants have elected Group I: Claims 1-8, 10-13, 20, and 25-41, drawn to polynucleotides encoding a protein having apoptosis inducing activity, a complementary sequence to the polynucleotide, a vector and transformant comprising the polynucleotide, and a method of using the polynucleotides to produce protein, for examination.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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